DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND CO-OPERATION SECRETARIAT

Re-organisation of Land Army Directorate into an autonomous Corporation.

PREAMBLE.—

The Land Army Organisation was set up by the State Government in March 1971 to tackle the problem of Rural Employment in an organised manner. The aim of the organisation was to provide employment to the unemployed youth and to inculcate in them a sense of discipline and train them in the art of working together and thereby create trained youthful manpower in the rural areas. To start with, the State Government had entrusted the works under the CSRE scheme in addition to follow-up training programme and the training programme under Half-a-Million Jobs Programme to provide training to selected young men in the project areas in some of the basic professions essential for rural economy, like, masonry, carpentry, blacksmithy, pump mechanic and Auto Electricians etc. During the V Plan period, the Crash Scheme for Rural Employment programme has been discontinued. In order to widen the scope of activity of the Land Army Organisation, to enable taking up of various works of several departments and to carry on its various activities it has been decided by Government to convert the Land Army into an autonomous Corporation. The object in creating the Corporation is that the Land Army should raise its own resources in due course and to finance the various activities contemplated.

The details of the formation of the Corporation as well as the registration etc., will have to be processed in detail by a Special Officer.

ORDER NO. DPC 43 LAY 74, BANGALORE, DATED 20TH JULY 1974.

Government are pleased to appoint the Director, Land Army, Brig. V. P. Naib as the Special Officer for attending to the preliminary work in connection with the formation of the Karnataka Land Army Corporation with immediate effect and until such time as the Corporation formally starts functioning.

A sum of Rs. 2 lakhs is placed at the disposal of the Special Officer to enable him to attend to the preliminary work of setting up of the Corporation. This will be treated as an advance payment of a part of the initial share capital contribution by Government to the Corporation.

The expenditure on the above account shall be debited to " 514 Capital Outlay on Community Development-IV Share Capital Contribution to the Karnataka Land Army Corporation " and initially met by obtaining an advance from the Contingency Fund.

The Special Officer will exercise the financial powers of the major head of a Department so far as incurring of expenditure in connection with the formation of the Corporation is concerned.

This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U. O. Note No. FD/1505/FC/74 dated 19th July 1974.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka

Y. M. PARAMESHWARIAH,
Under Secretary to Government,
Development, Housing, P Raj and
Co-operation Department